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APPARATUS FOR DETECTING FUEL-VAPOR GAS LEAKS, AND VENT VALVE

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Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2001-12319 describes a leak diagnostic device

for evaporative fuel processing device to prevent tank internal pressure rise and fuel

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